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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
: Examiner: S. Hsieh
HIDEO SUGIMURA et al.)
: Group Art Unit: 2861
Application No.: 10/081,843)
: Filed: February 25, 2002)
: For: INK JET RECORDING)
: APPARATUS AND)
: RECOVERING METHOD)
: THEREOF)
: Monday, April 5, 2004

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated December 4, 2003 for one month from March 4, 2004 to Monday, April 5, 2004.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$110.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

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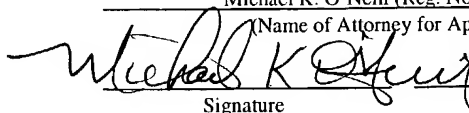
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Date of Signature



Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, CA office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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